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SNC seeks volunteers to help ducks

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The dead of winter isn't usually the time of year that elicits thoughts of exploring woodlands or wetlands. However, an effort by South Nation Conservation is intended to convince you it's as good a time as any, if not essential.

The Leitrim wetlands, part of the 4,200 square kilometre South Nation watershed which stretches from Brockville to Rockland, will be looking for volunteers this winter to help install habitats for wood ducks.

"The best time to install duck boxes is during the winter," SNC fish and wildlife technician Philip Duncan said,

-Projects like this help enhance urban wildlife and serve as an educational opportunity for volunteers who become actively involved in wildlife management."

The initiative is part of the SNC's Stream Watch program, which taps into the power of volunteers to help preserve the diversity of this vast watershed.

Volunteers are needed to help transport materials, set up mounting posts and attach the wood box habitats.

The wood box installations have been designed to keep the ducks safe from predators and the elements.

Volunteers are also needed to help maintain and freshen the duck's nests after installation.

If you're avid about helping preserve our wetlands, a duck enthusiast, or just looking for a new way to get in touch with nature, this could be the winter project you've been looking for. Contact the South Nation Conservation office at 1-877-984-2948, to find out how and when to help the ducks.

